

CITIES OF THE STATE TO BE CALLED ON FOR A BALANCE SHEET

Governor and Council of State Must Have Concrete Figures—Wary of Extra Session—President Roberts Wanted to Give Information Along With Request But Association Stops.

R. E. Powell, in Charlotte Observer, Saturday, June 25. Governor Morris and his council of state sitting for more than four hours today, practically completely to call upon the municipalities of North Carolina for a "show sheet" of their financial conditions before giving further consideration to the extra session of the legislature proposed in the resolution recently adopted by the municipal association.

Every member of the council of state attended the double session today, three hours this morning and nearly two this afternoon. Attorney General James S. Manning also sat through the entire session. Another meeting is to be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock but after the conference today there are many reasons to believe the special session is a long way off.

The information the cabinet wants is the information the association went on record as opposed to giving. Mayor William Roberts, president of the association, and William Howell, the secretary, thought the figures ought to be given to the governor at the time the resolution was presented requesting him to convene the members in extraordinary session. Publication of the financial condition of the cities was opposed by the mayor of Stateville and two or three other members of the association and the majority vote finally prevailed.

Administration View. The view the administration takes of the present situation is that under the constitution the legislature cannot be convened in a special session until sufficient proof of its necessity is presented to the governor. The resolution adopted by the municipal officials, in their recent meeting here, is indefinite, vague and in some respects regarded as gratuitous. There is nothing final in the tentative action of the governor and the council of state today. The matter is to be further considered tomorrow morning but it was definitely announced today that the request for financial statements would be made by the cities before the resolution was finally acted on and the request for a special session either granted or refused.

Figures from the cities must be forthcoming, it was made plain here today, and in volume enough to support the plan of action presented here last week. The present indifference and the delay in making the outstanding paper, the present tax rate and the highest tax rate to be levied under existing statutes, a long list of concrete evidence that local banks cannot legally take the towns over and a regular session, is in the main the information wanted.

Some of the cities can supply this information promptly but some of them cannot. It will be at least 10 days before they can be assembled and in the meantime the state officials expect to see the clouds rolling by. On July 15 the state treasurer, as indicated in his correspondence last night, will open bids for \$5,222,000 worth of state bonds and must rely to the financial ability of the state as looked for in the offerings.

A Strong Reason.

This possibility, however, isn't all. A stronger reason to suspect that the extra session may not be averted lies in the attitude of the cities of the state. When they can offer the state for a loan at a time, it is believed that a pool can be formed to take care of the cities and it is not beyond the pale of possibilities that such a conference will be called here. Taking the state as a whole, conditions are no worse today than they were in 1919 when a special session was convened by the bankers absorbing more than four millions of North Carolina revolving funds.

Having the prohibitionists and the rank and file of the state, in other words, in favor of a special session, since the municipalities. They almost made out their case last week and the day almost decided in their favor, but "slipping on the proposition" banished some of the more critical aspects. The conservative prohibitionists do not want to initiate a special session although were one to be called, they would almost certainly get behind the proposed state constitution.

"More light" is the administration slogan on the special session. Governor's interference will not halt municipal progress in the state but officials will insist upon seeing before bringing 170 busy men here for 20 hot days to correct a clerical error in the senate journal.

THEY ARE AWAITING NEWS IN FRANCE OF CARPENTIER'S VICTORY OVER DEMPSEY.



This photograph is a copy of one sent recently from France by Mme. Georges Carpentier to her husband. It shows the wife of the French boxing idol, who hopes to wrest the world's heavyweight championship from Jack Dempsey, with their baby daughter, Jacqueline. The photograph was made at the time Mme. Carpentier gave an interview in which she said Georges had written to her saying that he would win early in the bout.

SENATOR CARRAWAY, OF ARKANSAS, TO BE SPEAKER AT DINNER

Congressman Garrett, of Tennessee, Unable to Fill Engagement With Chamber of Commerce For Next Tuesday Evening—Plans For Dinner Complete.

United States Senator Carraway, of Arkansas, said to be one of the best speakers in the upper south, will be the main attraction at the annual dinner of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday evening, July 26, at the Hotel. The dinner will be held at 7 o'clock. Owing to Congressman Garrett, of Tennessee, being unable to attend, the dinner will be held at 7 o'clock. The dinner will be held at 7 o'clock.

Senator Carraway is a well-known speaker and will be a great attraction at the dinner. He will be accompanied by his wife and children. The dinner will be held at 7 o'clock.

ICE SKATING RINK TO BE AT COUNTY FAIR

First Ever Brought to a Southern Fair—Midway For 1921 Fair Will be Unusually Clean.

An ice skating rink, the first brought to a southern fair, will be one of the midway attractions at the Big Gastonia County Fair in October. It was announced by Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen today. Contract for the attractions has been let to the Zeigler & Potts Shows.

The midway this year will be the cleanest ever brought to the Gastonia fair, being entirely free of all objectionable features generally found in midway.

The fair officials went over contracts with a dozen or more companies before selecting one considered to be of the high standard necessary to meet the requirements of the people of this section.

There will be some new and novel riding devices never before seen here and many other new and novel features. The grounds have been so arranged this time that those who do not care for the midway attractions may see the fair exhibits without going on the midway at all.

Statesville evidently wants Community Service. A campaign was put on this Tuesday to raise \$1,000 to carry on this work and before noon \$4,239 had been raised.

FRANK LINNEY WILL BE CONFIRMED, IT IS SAFE TO PREDICT

Negroes Satisfied With Mr. Linney's Explanation—Tells Committee He Merely Wants 'Negro Question' Eliminated From Politics.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, in Philadelphia News, WASHINGTON, June 24. Frank A. Linney will be confirmed as district attorney for the western district of North Carolina. His confirmation is as safe as a sure thing at this point in the future.

Linney's explanation to the Senate Judiciary Committee was that he merely wanted the "Negro question" eliminated from politics. He said he was not interested in the race problem and that he would not be a party to any racial discrimination.

Linney's explanation was well received by the committee. They felt that he was a man of high character and that he would be a good representative of the district.

SIMS IS GIVEN PUBLIC REPRIMAND BY DENBY

"I Got What I Deserved, the Same Old Thing," Is Admiration's Only Comment.

Senator Denby, of North Carolina, has given a public reprimand to Senator Sims, of North Carolina. Denby said that Sims had acted in a disgraceful manner and that he deserved the reprimand.

Denby's reprimand was a surprise to many people. They felt that Sims had acted in a reasonable manner and that he deserved no such punishment.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY ADDS NEW TRAIN

Will Run Between Gastonia and Statesville

The Southern Railway has added a new train between Gastonia and Statesville. The train will run daily and will provide a convenient means of transportation for the people of the area.

J. Ham Lewis Brings Suit To Test Provisions Of The 18th Amendment And Volstead Law

(By The Associated Press.)

J. Ham Lewis, of North Carolina, has filed a suit in federal court to test the constitutionality of the 18th Amendment and the Volstead Law. Lewis claims that the laws are unconstitutional and that he has a right to sell and consume alcohol.

Lewis's suit is one of many similar suits filed in various parts of the country. The federal government has taken a hard line on such suits and has threatened to prosecute those who continue to file them.

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CHECKER TOURNAMENT IN CHARLOTTE JULY 4TH

All Players to Be on Hand—Will Play For Championship.

A checker tournament will be held in Charlotte on July 4th. All players are expected to be on hand and will play for the championship. The tournament is being organized by the local checker club.

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An army of grasshoppers, estimated to be 15 miles wide and 20 miles long, is advancing on El Paso county, Colorado, from the southwest. The grasshoppers are causing considerable damage to crops and are expected to reach the area in a few days.

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